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SUBJECT: RUBBER -- UNCTAD NR CONSULTATIONS

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REFERENCE: (A) STATE 104226 (B) EC BRUSSELS 4618

1. US LONDON REO IRSG DISCUSSED FORTHCOMING UNCTAD
NATURAL RUBBER DISCUSSIONS AFTERNOON MAV 9 WITH ROBIN
HOPE' UK DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, AND EARLIER WITH
ABDUL FATAH OF THE MALAYSIAN HIGH COMMISSION. HOPE

WELCOMED OPPORTUNITY TO COMPARE NOTES. HE SAID HE HAD RECENTLY CONSULTED WITH USODO OF THE INDONESIAN EMBASSY AND EXOECTED TO HAVE A NUMBER OF DISCUSSIONS WITH OTHERS BEFORE THE GENEVA MEETING, JUNE 6.

2. HOOE SAID MAJOR THRUST OF UK POSITION PAPER BEING PUT TOGETHER IS TO FOCUS DISCUSSION WITHOUT COMMITMENT ON SPECIFICS OF A POSSIBLE AQREEMENT. HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE "DIFFICULT TO SAY" WHETHER QUESTION OF DECISION ON NR NEGOTIATION WOULD COME UP.

3. HOPE NOTED FOLLOWING AS SPECIFIC POINTS FOR DISCUSSION:

- (A) BUFFER STOCK SIZE
- (B) INITIAL PRICE RANGE
- (C) FINANCING OF STOCKS

HE SAID HE HAD TRIED OUT SOME IDEAS ON USODO BUT THE LATTER HAD NOT BEEN PREPARED TO RESPOND. THESE WERE A BUFFER STOCK LEVEL OF 400,000 METRIC TONS, A PRICE RANGE FROM 1.5 TO 2.1 MALAYSIAN DOLLARS PER KILO AND STOCK FINARCING BY LEVY AT THE POINT OF EXPORT. CONCERNING THE EC POSITION, HOOE FELT THE EC COMMISSION WAS A BIT ON THE CAUTIOUS SIDE AND HAT LITTLE HAD BEEN ADDED TO ADVANCE THINKING SINCE THE LAST CONSULTATION.

4. IN BRIEF DISCUSSION, FATAH SAID PRODUCERS HOPED THAT THE SECOND UNCTAD CONSULTATION WOULD MOVE FROM GENERALITIES TO EXAMINING SPECIFICS OF HOW AN AGREEMENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MIGHT WORK. HE LEFT IMPRESSION PRODUCERS WOULD NOT PRESS FOR A DECISION ON STARTING NEGOTIATIONS.

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